

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
0196/US

In Re Application Of: STEPHEN D. FANTONE, ET AL.

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| Serial No. 09/328,972 | Filing Date JUN. 9, 1999 | Examiner Z. SMITH | Group Art Unit 2877 G. S. |
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Invention: AUTOMATED OPTICAL MEASUREMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD

A circular stamp with "U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" around the perimeter and "MAR 21 2002" in the center.

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of OCT. 25, 2001 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months | <input type="checkbox"/> Three months | <input type="checkbox"/> Four months | <input type="checkbox"/> Five months |
| from: <u>JAN. 25, 2002</u> | | until: <u>MAR. 25, 2002</u> | | |
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A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

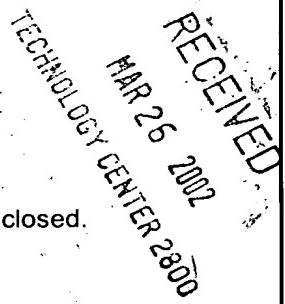
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 26 - | 21 = | 5 | x \$9.00 | \$45.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 6 - | 3 = | 3 | x \$42.00 | \$126.00 |
| FEE FOR AMENDMENT | | | | | \$171.00 |
| FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | | \$371.00 |

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$371.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1150
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-1150 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Signature

Dated: MAR. 14, 2002

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 3/14/02 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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